Bridge in the Manali river at Trikkur.

35. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether budget sanction was obtained for the construction of a bridge in the Manali river at Trikkur;

(2) if so, whether tenders were called for the work;

(3) whose tender was accepted and when;

(4) whether the contractor has executed any kychit for the proper working of the bridge;

(5) when was the actual work begun by the contractor;

(6) was the contractor asked to suspend the work;

(7) if so, by whom and for what reasons;

(8) when were orders given for the restarting of the work;

(9) has the contractor started the work;

(10) how far has the work progressed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Mr. N. O. Inasu's tender. On 19—2—35/7—7—10.

(4) Yes.

(5) The contractor started work in Feburary 1935.

(6) Yes.

(7) By the Government. There were petitions for changing the site of the bridge.

(8) 23—5—35/9—10—10.

(9) Yes.

(10) The progress up to the end of Edavam 1110 is that R. C. curb for one well was cast and materials for masonry work were being collected.

Underfed condition of the masses.

36. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they are aware that the masses of the people of the State are underfed;

(2) if so, what action, if any, have they taken to find food for them?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Does not arise.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Government opened its eyes when they went round and made enquiries as to the conditions of the masses?

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